

(d) the measures proposed to be taken by the Government to safeguard the common man from serious infections and diseases caused by the failure of the public health system?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) and (b) Diseases like Cholera and Malaria may be attributed to environmental factors such as excessive rain, water logging etc. as well as to sanitation problems in some areas.

(c) There is no scheme for providing compensation to Disease victims.

(d) A National Apical Advisory Committee has been constituted under the Chairmanship of Union Health Secretary to formulate a nation-wide disease surveillance network. The action points envisaged under the disease surveillance scheme are collection and flow of information, strengthening of laboratory diagnostic services, networking of centres and continuous monitoring of disease prevalence.

[Translation]

#### **Dental Colleges**

1427. SHRI RADHA MOHAN SINGH : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any provision to provide prescribed monthly stipend to students doing internship in dental colleges, as per the directions issued by the Dental Council of India or the Union Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether private dental colleges are also providing the said stipend as per the above provisions;

(d) if not, whether any action has been taken or being taken against such erring colleges;

(e) whether any complaints have been received that receipts for payments are taken from students without giving them the above stipend; and

(f) if so, the remedial measures being taken by the Government to stop the malpractice?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) to (d) As per BDS course Regulations 1983 every candidate passing the final BDS examination is required to undergo one year paid rotating internship in dental college. These regulations are applicable to the students of private dental colleges also.

(e) and (f) As per the records available in the Dental Council of India, there are no such complaints.

[English]

#### **Diplomatic Mission at Karachi**

1428. SHRI P.R. DASMUNSI : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to reopen the diplomatic mission at Karachi after the new elected Government took office in Islamabad; and

(b) if so, the efforts made to negotiate the matter further?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL) : (a) and (b) The Consulate General of India, Karachi was closed down on 4.1.1995 in response to the demand of Government of Pakistan. Government of India have urged Pakistan to reconsider its decision. Our efforts in this direction will continue.

#### **Missile Capability**

1429. DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the missile capability of its neighbours;

(b) whether any assessment have been made by the Government in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof particularly in respect of Pakistan and China; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to match with the missile capability of neighbouring countries?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MULAYAM SINGH YADAV) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) All developments having a bearing on national security are constantly assessed and monitored. Necessary measures are taken from time to time to maintain appropriate defence preparedness so as to thwart any misadventure by an adversary. The Guided Missile Development Programme ensures that state-of-the-art missile technology would be available to India.

#### **Crash of AN-32 Aircraft**

1430. SHRI RAMASHRAYA PRASAD SINGH : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether an AN-32 Aeroplane of Indian Air Force had flied from Moscow to Jam Nagar Aerodrome via Dubai and Muskat on March 25, 1986;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether after one or two hour of air travel from Muskat the plane was misplaced;

(d) if so, the details thereof and whether all the crew members had died; and